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1. Factionalism, stimulated by a number of political parties and pro-Kuomintang (KMT) elements in the Wa State and North Hsenai, against the Sawbwas and local Government officials has led to the ambush and assassination of SOA UP HPA,¹ the Assistant Resident for the Wa State. News of the death of SOA UP HPA was received by the head of the Wa State on 24 December 1951.²
2. Between 300 and 400 Chinese Communist troops are currently at Manman (sic). Because of their fear of KMT guerrillas, these troops disperse into small bodies of not more than 30 men. They are constantly on the move. Some of these troops have crossed the border into Burma in recent weeks disguised as Shans. They have been seen in the bazars at Muse (97-54; 24-00) and Namhkam (97-41; 23-50).
3. The 1 Emergency Karenni Battalion of the Burma Army is now stationed at Muse, replacing the Kachin Unit³ which has been stationed there. The morale and efficiency of the Karen troops is believed to be higher than that of the Kachins who preceded them.
4. Approximately 300 Burmese Communist insurgents are in the Kyaukse (97-00; 22-30)-Hsipaw (97-18; 22-36) area and are planning to take both of these towns as well as Nawngkhio (96-48; 22-20) in the near future.
5. A group of 50 Chinese monks in Muse, many of whom have arrived recently, is regarded with a great deal of suspicion by local residents. The Chinese monks who arrived in Muse in 1949 appeared to be members of a legitimate religious group, unlike the more recent arrivals.

25X1A I. Comment. SOA UP HRA was related to the Sawwa of Arch. HRA. He was extremely unpopular with most Chinese merchants in the Huse-Namhcam area because he made a practice of accepting bribes.

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. The assassination probably occurred on or about
22 December 1951.

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. Probably 2 (Emergency) Kachin Battalion.

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